nominated, by designation, to the Block Development Committee. The Deputy Commissioners are also empowered to increase the number of non-officials (of all categories including Chairman/Sarpanch of Village Panchayats and excluding M.L.A.'s and M.P.'s) in Block Development Committee up to 20-22 so as to give adequate representation to the entire Block area. When there are no Panchayats in a Block area, the Deputy Commissioners are authorised to nominate leading public workers in place of the members of Village Panchayats. In selecting the non-officials members of all categories (*i.e* , including Chairmen of Village Panchayats/Sarpanchs) for nomination, the Deputy Commissioners, will, as far as possible, take care to see that there is at least one member from each of the Gramasevak circle so that there may be a fair representation for all the areas covered by the Block.

The Block Development Committees will be replaced in due course by the elected Taluk Boards. In the case of Sarpanchs/Chairmen of abolished Village Panchayats who are members of the exis ing Block Development Committees instructions have been issued to continue them on the Block Development Committees in their personal capacity.

Granting of Pay Scale of clerks to shroffs in Taluk Treasuries.

Q.—12. Sri P. ANJANAPPA (Sira).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they propose to grant to the shroffs in taluk treasuries, the scales of pay and grades given to the clerks ;

(*b*) whether they intend to grant them at least now the grade pay of Rs. 50-3-80-4-120 ?

A.—Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN (Deputy Minister for Finance).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

Prevention of Shanbhogs and Patels to contest the ensuing elections to Local Bodies.

Q.—28. Sri J. NARAYANAPPA (Mulbagal).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that they have notified that Patels and Shanbhogs are not entitled to contest ensuing elections for Group Panchayats and Taluk Boards ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that this has caused discontentment among the people throughout the State ?

A.—Sri T. SUBRAMANYA (Minister for Law, Labour and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

Thefts in the Timber Depots in North Kanara District.

Q.—30. Sri V. SRINIVAS SHETTY (Coondapur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the total quantity of timber stolen from Dandeli Government Depot, Kurwatti Government Depot, and other Government Depots in North Kanara after the integration till now and their value ;

(*b*) the action they have taken in the matter ;

(*c*) the action they propose to take to prevent such thefts in future ?

A.—Sri K. F. PATIL (Minister for Forest and Transport).—

(*a*)—

Name of the Depot.	*Quantity of timber stolen*	*Value of timber stolen*
Dandeli Government Depot	27 rejected teak pieces	Rs. 750
Kurwatti Government Depot	Nil	Nil
Other Government Depots	Nil	Nil

(*b*) The case has been handed over to the Anti-Corruption Department.

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(c) The proposal to fence the Depot area with barbed wire fencing and of strengthening watch and ward, if necessary, is under consideration.

Appointment of Agricultural Demonstrator for the villages of Udipi Taluk.

Q.—32. Sri V. SRINIVAS SHETTY (Coondapur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether there is a proposal to appoint an Agricultural Demonstrator for the villages of Kota Firka of Udipi Taluk in South Kanara ;

(b) if so, at what stage this proposal is pending ?

A.—Sri N RACHIAH (Minister for Agriculture, Excise and Social Welfare).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Under examination.

Improvement of Agumbe Ghat Road.

Q.—33. Sri V. SRINIVASA SHETTY (Coondapur) —

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether there is a proposal to improve and widen the Agumbe Ghat road to make it an ore-bearing road ;

(b) if so at what stage the proposal stands ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(a) Yes.

(b) The feasibility of the proposal is being examined.

Promotions in the Survey Department.

Q.—34. Sri P. ANJANAPPA (Sira).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of Surveyors who have been promoted in the Revenue Survey Department to the cadre of Supervisor and how many of them have been reverted for want of vacancies and how many of the revertees have been again promoted when vacancies arose since 1st December 1957 ;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that some of the reverted Surveyors from the Supervisors cadre have not been promoted, neglecting their officiating seniority when vacancies arose ;

(c) whether they will take action to regularise the discrepancy ?

A.—Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(a) Twenty. Of these twenty, six officials were reverted for want of vacancies and none of them was again promoted.

(b) Yes. As the posts of Supervisors have been classed as Statewise posts, officials who were senior to the reverted officials, but had passed the qualifying tests were promoted.

(c) Will be examined.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Sri T. MARIAPPA (Minister for Finance).—I lay on the Table the Mysore Panchayat and Taluk Board Elections Rules, 1959 (Notification No LLH 3 RPA 59, dated 15th December 1959).

Business of the House

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM (Kolar Gold Fields).—The Hon'ble Minister for Public Works made a statement regarding Sharavathi Project. Let us have a day allotted for discussing that statement.

Mr. SPEAKER.—There is no time. We shall have it next time.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—It is a very important question. If you all agree, we may have it tomporroy or the day after tomorrow.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I can only say it is not possible to take it up now. It is a question which the Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition can decide. If they decide, I have no objection.